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This News Brief alerts you to a Special Communication in the current issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Written by Kimberly Hoagwood and S. Serene Olin, this article complements the August, 2001 NIMH report, Blueprint for Change: Research on Child and Adolescent Mental Health (see Data Trends Summary #41). Since the publication of Blueprint for Change, several new research announcements reflecting these new directions have been issued. The present article summarizes “the rationale for and background to the 2001 report, its major conclusions, and the reasons why interdisciplinary and translational approaches to research questions in child and adolescent mental health will help to maximize scientific advances” (p. 760). Additionally, editor M. K. Dulcan writes, “The Special Communication in this issue from the NIMH regarding research priorities for child and adolescent mental health should be required reading for all of those interested in the well being of youth” (p. 760).


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